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## Number of Establishments Gaining and Losing Employment

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Another way to observe the dynamics of employment change is to count the number of establishments that opened, closed, expanded, or contracted during the quarter. A total of 11,104 establishments in Idaho gained jobs from April to June of 2009. (See table C.) Of these, 8,459 were expanding establishments and 2,645 were opening establishments.

During the second quarter of 2009, 13,696 establishments lost jobs. Of these, 10,293 were contracting establishments and 3,403 were closing establishments. From April to June 2009, 26.1 percent of establishments were gaining jobs and 32.2 percent of establishments were losing jobs.

**Table C. Number of private sector establishments by direction of employment change, seasonally adjusted**

Category	3 months ended				
	June 2008	Sep. 2008	Dec. 2008	Mar. 2009	June 2009
Establishments gaining jobs.....	12,187	11,978	11,464	10,207	11,104
Expanding establishments.....	9,492	9,213	8,607	7,708	8,459
Opening establishments.....	2,695	2,765	2,857	2,499	2,645
Establishments losing jobs.....	14,249	13,913	14,121	14,616	13,696
Contracting establishments.....	11,053	10,716	10,933	11,177	10,293
Closing establishments.....	3,196	3,197	3,188	3,439	3,403
Net establishment change <sup>1</sup> .....	-501	-432	-331	-940	-758

<sup>1</sup> The net establishment change is the difference between the number of opening establishments and the number of closing establishments. See the Technical Note for further information.